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EVOLUTION OF SOCIOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE UNITED STATES

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ABSTRACT

A series of American discussions of method is here arranged in chronological order; to show stages in the evolution of consensus that progress in social science demands elaboration of a technique for *specialized treatment of group aspects of human experience*.

Since 1874 there has been at first gradual, later rapid, development of sociological consciousness in the United States. A few men began to have a suspicion rather than a perception that conventional interpretations of human experience were uncentered, uncorrelated, unconvincing. They began to grope about for a more favorable point of view, angle of approach, method of discovery and exposition. The movement gained momentum and scope. The men actuating it did not work in concert. Often, so far as they knew, they were working at cross-purposes. Together they were unconsciously carrying on a complementary trial and error investigation. It eliminated many illusory clues and it tended to focalize the attention of all in common directions. The outcome thus far is a much more homogeneous sociological consciousness than many of the sociologists themselves realize. (Relation to simultaneous evolution of *social* consciousness is not considered in the present exhibit.)

Recapitulation of this evolution of sociological consciousness is indispensable to thorough understanding of the sociological contribution to social science, or of the indicated function of sociologists. The following titles represent only a fraction of the labor that has gone into the accomplished process. The series selected is typical rather than complete. The members of the series often reinforce one another not by agreement but by conflict. They stand for the vigorous action and reaction which have at last produced a

sociological state of mind that none of the participators in the movement could have anticipated. With a few exceptions the titles are arranged chronologically. Together the exhibit reflects one of the most distinct advances from chaos to system, from confusion to clearness, in the history of human thought. Acquaintance with this movement, and perception of the relations of the several movements within the movement as factors in an evolution of thinking, as indicated by the following sequence or an equivalent, is essential to responsibility as a sociologist.

To repeat: These essays are to be studied most profitably not as so many real or attempted additions to the material of knowledge, but each as a conscious or unconscious movement in an evolutionary process which has eventuated in ability to look for, and at, and into, and forward from, past and present relations between human beings with more objective vision than has ever before been trained upon social reality.

At each step this American movement has been also a function of a European movement. For purposes of primary orientation the fact is sufficiently indicated in the literature here cited without extending the following list for proportional attention to European writers.

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9. THOMAS: "Scope and Method of Folk-Psychology," *A.J.S.*, I (1895), 434.
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